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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Toshikazu YABE, Toshimi TAKAJO, Takahiko UCHIYAMA,
Keisuke YOKOYAMA
RUBBER MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND LINEAR MOTION
APPARATUS
Assignee: NSK LTD.
Our Ref: Q80622

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/951,385 (Confirmation No. 3947) filed September 14, 2001 of Toshikazu YABE, Toshimi TAKAJO, Takahiko UCHIYAMA, Keisuke YOKOYAMA entitled RUBBER MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND LINEAR MOTION APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1713.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/951,385 filed September 14, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-105268	April 3, 2003
Japan	2001-060105	March 5, 2001
Japan	2000-346296	November 14, 2000
Japan	2000-279486	September 14, 2000



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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/951,385.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/951,385. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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